

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~The invention relates to a~~ A control device for preventively actuating a ~~means for protecting~~ vehicle safety device, ~~occupants and/or road users in a~~ motor vehicle. This control device comprises a decision stage which issues a triggering decision ~~the for the means for protecting~~ vehicle safety device ~~occupants~~ if [[a]] travel behavior of the vehicle which is critical for safety is ~~determined using~~ detected, based on dynamic translational movement parameters. ~~Furthermore, the control device comprises~~ In addition, a plausibility checking stage ~~for checking the plausibility of~~ checks the triggering decision. This plausibility checking stage evaluates ~~it~~ the triggering decision as implausible (and prevents ~~triggering of the means for protecting~~ vehicle safety device) ~~occupants and/or road users from being actuated~~ if an evaluation of the time profile of parameters which are sensed in the vehicle, such for example steering angle, activation of pedals, yaw rate or lateral acceleration, reveals that the travel behavior which is critical for safety corresponds, within predefinable limits, to a desired travel behavior. A travel behavior which is brought about in a deliberate and controlled fashion is considered to be a desired travel behavior.